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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Mieczslaw H. Mazurek, Robert K. Galkiewicz and Gerald M. Benson

Group Art Unit: 1822

Serial No.: 09/432,944

Filed: November 3, 1999

Examiner: A. Singh

For: **PRESSURE-SENSITIVE ADHESIVES HAVING MICROSTRUCTURED SURFACES**

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Dear Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the Fax Transmission of March 11, 2002 from Ms. Karen Creasy, Office of Petitions, in the above-identified application. A copy of the Fax Transmission is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

The Fax Transmission requests Applicant to provide: (1) a duplicate copy of the previously mailed Issue Fee Transmittal Form PTOL-85(b) bearing a certificate of mailing dated on or before the due date for payment thereof; and (2) a statement that the Issue Fee Transmittal Form PTOL-85(b) was previously mailed to the USPTO on the date indicated in the certificate of mailing.

Attached hereto as Exhibit B, please find a duplicate copy of the Issue Fee Transmittal Form PTOL-85(b) bearing a certificate of mailing signed by Beth M. Lindblom and dated December 11, 2001. The due date for submitting the issue fee is listed on the Issue Fee Transmittal Form PTOL-85(b) as December 12, 2001. The Issue Fee Transmittal Form PTOL-85(b) was previously mailed to the USPTO on December 11, 2001, the date indicated in the certificate of mailing.

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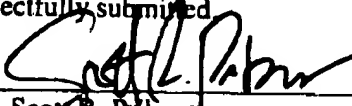
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From: Karen Creasy, Office of Petitions

Subject: Application No. 09/432,944 Dkt. No. 46835USA5D

Thank you for your petition to withdraw from issue received by facsimile transmission on February 25, 2002. Unfortunately, because of the mail delays, finance records disclose receipt of the issue fee on January 28, 2002, which is after the due date for payment of the issue fee. In order to ascertain whether the issue fee was timely submitted, please provide me with a copy of the previously filed Issue Fee Transmittal Form PTOL-85(b) which bears a certificate of mailing on or before the due date for payment thereof.

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Your patience and understanding in this matter is sincerely appreciated.

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(Depositor's name)

Beth M. Lindblom

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December 11, 2001

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First Named Applicant	MAZUREK, 35 USC 154(b) term ext. = 0 Days.			

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